1	2	3	4
45.	Improvement of riding quality of NH 20 km 115/0 to 125/00	170.04	Dec-03
46.	Improvement of riding quality of NH 21 km 94/00 to 105/00	288.46	Dec-03
47.	Improvement of riding quality of NH 21 km 156/75 to 163/0	136.96	Mar-04
48.	Improvement and widening of km 290/0 to 303 on NH-21	421.36	Mar-04
49.	Construction of two RC slab culverts on 2.5 m span at km 232/812 and 2.0 m span at km 328/065 on NH-22	21.50	Mar-04
50.	Improvement in km 63/0 to 79/0 on NH-20 in HP	228.70	Mar-04
51.	Improvement of Jallandhar-Hoshiarpur Tauni Devi-Avah-Devi-dharampur Kotli-Mandi NH-70 k 140/250 to 163/135	285.11	Mar-04

U.S. officials' suggestions to Pakistan

*227. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report which appeared in the 'Times of India' dated the 31st January, 2003 mentioning about U.S. officials suggestions to Paskitan to take steps that could lead to talk with India, controlling cross-border infiltration, respecting sanctity of the LoC and also responding to India's suggestion of normalising trade relations;

(b) if so, whether Government are aware that Pakistan was also called into account for its nuclear proliferation activity, particularly its ties with North Korea; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The United States has publicly stated that it has discussed this issue in bilateral meetings with Pakistan. The international community, including the United States, must examine what additional steps are required to ensure an end to Pakistan's well-known links with terrorism and clandestine proliferation activities.

Kamrej-Vapi NH in Gujarat

†*228. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of construction of the National Highway from Kamrej to Vapi in Gujarat;

(b) whether the progress of construction work of the highway is very slow;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) by when the construction work of the above highway is likely to be completed; and

(e) the estimated expenditure to be incurred on this work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI): (a) The section from Kamrej to Vapi on National Highway-8 in Gujarat is of 116 kms in length and is part of Golden Quadrilateral of National Highway Development Project, under implementation by National Highways Authority of India. Around 16 km length of this section has already been 4-laned and the work in the remaining length is in progress.

(b) and (c) The progress of the work is behind schedule, due to differences and disputes between Joint Venture partners and cash flow problems.

(d) and (e) The work has been awarded in two contract packages. One package from Atul to Gujarat/Maharashtra Border is likely to be substantially completed by December, 2003, and the other package from Chalthan to Atul is likely to be completed by June, 2004. The estimated expenditure on this work is around Rs. 720 crores.

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